

Commerce And Industry. Samuel G Smith Hillsboro. W. Va. Pocahontas Co.  
Peters And Gay. Lumber. -

In 1884 John Peters of New York and Levi Gay father of Allan and John  
of near bought a circular mill and went in the lumber business and  
started operation on Laurel Creeks they bought timber from George White and  
logs from John Adam McNeel at what is known today as the John Adam hacking, they  
just cut Ash and Cherry.

Auburn Friel was sawyer and J. Luther McNeill fired the boiler the logs  
were skidded with Oxen and Adam C Young drove a team of the Oxen they cut 700,  
000 at this set it was either wagoned or put on sleds and hauled to the mouth  
of Stoney Creek and put in the Greenbrier River and rafted to Ronceverte  
where it was bought by lumber buyers from New York and Philadelphia Pa. each  
raft had from 20 to 25 ,000 feet in it.

They finished this set in 85.

Information J. Luther McNeill. Marlinton. W. Va.



1885 = Hunter M<sup>c</sup> Clintie  
 William M<sup>c</sup> Clintie  
 Withrow M<sup>c</sup> Clintie  
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In 1918 Floyd H. Boyd of Ronceverte Greenbrier County, bought the timber off of some 30 acres from Mrs. Jessie Kennison of Hillsboro lying just outside the corporation.

This timber was mostly white oak but several thousand feet of red oak this was virgin timber therefore a greater percent of the timber was first grade.

In my conversation with Mr. James Jordan who is 86 years old and one of the first settlers of Hillsboro West Virginia, that is now living to day. He tells me this was one of the finest tracts of timber he ever saw, very large trees towering skyward with 3-4- and 5 logs ranging from 12 to 14 feet in length with very few limbs or knots.

Mr Boyd paid \$6,000.00 for this timber as it was all very high grade timber, on level land, a greater part of this timber was cut and skidded to a log landing and there loaded on wagons and by four horse team taken to Seebert, which is a station of the C&O Railroad of the Greenbrier division, loaded on freight cars and shipped to a veneering company to be cut and steam rolled and made ready for shipment to furniture factories in all parts of the United States.

After all the logs suitable for veneering purposes had been shipped out Mr Boyd set a circular saw mill to saw the low grade logs that were not suitable for furniture the men were paid from \$3.50 to \$4.50 a day most of these men came here with Mr. Boyd but a few men were employed from Pocahontas County.

This operation finished up in 1919 Mr. Boyd moved his mill out of the county, having completed the operation of a small tract of timber but one of the landmarks of Hillsboro and the Little Levels District as the foliage was very beautiful in the fall of the year and noticed by motorists passing through.

Information-----James Jordan---Hillsboro

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